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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) Request  
for Support on Soviets in Middle East

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1. Diana Smith, SFRC staffer, called to inform us that Senator Percy, Chairman, SFRC, has instructed three staffers to write a study on "The USSR in the Middle East." Three staffers are Diana, Hans Binnendijk, Deputy Staff Director, and Graeme Bannerman, Middle East specialist for the SFRC. (Bannerman is now in Lebanon but returns next week. Smith seeks DDI assistance in briefings on facts and analytical insight plus a list of pertinent DDI publications on the topic. She mentioned being acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] and would be pleased to work with them if appropriate. The SFRC's time frame for briefings is Monday, 5 December, either a.m. or p.m. or Wednesday, 7 December in the a.m. Ms. Smith requested briefings "sooner rather than later." The document list would be most helpful early next week, she said.

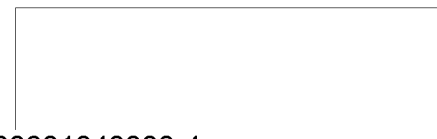
2. Ms. Smith also mentioned:

Re facts: Standard briefing on Soviet presence  
around region.  
Assistance levels.  
Advisors.

Re analytical insight: Where Soviet policy is head.  
Progress in the last year and liabilities.  
In other words, what Soviets are attempt  
ing to do and what has been accomplished.

Miscellany: Particular concern with Syria but need  
the others also include Gulf States.

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3. Ms. Smith also would like a reading list of DDI publications and assessments "on shelf" in the last year that would be particularly useful background. She is writing the historical introduction utilizing a time frame of July '82 to present. She asked for the reading list of documents early next week, if possible.

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